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SUBJECT: STORMFURY: TYPHOON COMMITTEE

1. TYPHOON COMMITTEE BEGAN SEVENTH SESSION OCT 8.  
LAO DELEGATE KHAMTAN KANHALIKHAIN ELECTED PRESIDENT AS  
SUCCESSOR TO G. BELL OF HONG KONG. PRC DID NOT REPEAT  
NOT SEND DELEGATION. FRANCE AND US ONLY OBSERVER  
DELEGATIONS. GOJ REPRESENTED BY SIX MEMBER DELEGATION,  
INCLUDING LOCAL EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER, MOFA REP  
FROM UN SECTION AND DEP PERMANENT REP TO ESCAP BANGKOK.

2. ALTHOUGH PROPOSED TRANSFER OF STORMFURY IS NOT  
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN AGENDA OR BACKGROUND PAPERS  
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CIRCULATED BY TC SECRETARIAT, SUBJECT IS CLEARLY MAIN

FOCUS OF INTEREST. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, ESCAP EXEC SEC MARAMIS, AFTER NOTING HEAVY TYPHOON DAMAGE IN ESCAP REGION, SAID DISCUSSION ON STORMFURY WAS BOUND TO BE OF MORE THAN USUAL INTEREST. HE ALSO SAID HE WAS VITALLY CONCERNED ABOUT ANYTHING THAT MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BETTER DAILY LIVES OF REGION'S PEOPLE AND QUOTE WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LET PASS ANY HOPE, HOWEVER SLIGHT, OF MINIMIZING DAMAGE UNQUOTE.

3. MOST DELEGATIONS WERE RECEPTIVE TO DRAFT RESOLUTION US DELEGATION CIRCULATED OCT 8, EXCEPT, OF COURSE, FOR JAPANESE, KOREANS, THAIS AND PHILIPPINES WOULD PROBABLY BE PREPARED TO ACT AS CO-SPONSORS. JAPANESE HAVE DEEP MISGIVINGS ABOUT HAVING MATTER COME UP AS RESOLUTION AND HAVE TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT IT IS NOT PRACTICE OF TC TO PASS RESOLUTIONS. GOJ DELEGATION IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS IS ALSO CONTENDING MATTER REQUIRES BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BEFORE FURTHER ACTION IS TAKEN. GOJ DELEGATION, WHEN MATTER COMES UP IN OPEN SESSION MAY ALSO SAY THAT TC AT 1973 MEETING IS ON RECORD AS STATING THAT US SHOULD SEEK CONCURRENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES. PHILIPPINE DELEGATION (MACABUHAY) BELIEVES JAPANESE DELEGATION WILL NOT FORMALLY OPPOSE RESOLUTION, BUT WANTS TO EXPLORE MATTER FURTHER WITH JAPANESE.

4. AT MORNING SESSION US DELEGATION, UNDER AGENDA ITEM 4D (TRAINING AND RESEARCH) NOTED THAT IT HAD CIRCULATED DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF TC MEMBERS. BUT WITH CONCURRENCE OF CHAIR IT DEFERRED DISCUSSION OF MATTER UNTIL AGENDA ITEM 8 (FUTURE WORK). THIS MOVE GIVES US SOME ADDITIONAL TIME TO APPRAISE SITUATION, BUT ISSUE COULD COME UP AGAIN AS EARLY AS THURSDAY PM SESSION.

5. IF IT APPEARS THAT GOJ WILL GO BEYOND RAISING TECHNICAL AND PROCEDURAL OBJECTIONS TO VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION, US DEL WILL WITHDRAW ITS DRAFT IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS. HOWEVER, IF IT APPEARS THAT GOJ DEL WOULD NOT FORMALLY OPPOSE RESOLUTION AND WOULD CHOOSE TO ABSTAIN IN VOTE, US DEL WILL NOT WITHDRAW DRAFT, BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSE THAT RESOLUTION BE TABLED FOR TC VOTE.

6. REPORTERS FROM YOMUIRI SHIMBUN AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS HAVE APPROACHED US DEL FOR DETAILS ABOUT PROPOSED STORMFURY TRANSFER. LAVOIE HAS AGREED TO REVIEW WITH THEM EXPERIENCE IN ATLANTIC, BUT WILL AVOID DISCUSSION OF DETAILS RELATING TO PACIFIC.

7. AT EMBASSY RECEPTION, OCT 7 MEMBERS OF US DEL DISCUSSED  
STORMFURY IN GENERAL TERMS WITH MEMBERS OF MICRONESIAN  
DELEGATION, IN PARTICULAR WITH NAKAYAMA AND SILK, MEMBERS  
WERE INTERESTED AND SEEMED FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO PROJECT.  
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